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Report Highlights:

This report presents China Customs agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodity trade data recorded from January to May 2005. Year to date agricultural, fishery, and forestry imports were \$13.8 billion of which \$3.5 billion originated from the United States. Leading imports from the world were soybeans, cotton, and palm oil. China's agricultural, fishery, and forestry exports were \$12.7 billion, primarily processed aquatic products, corn, and woodenware.

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The Agricultural Affairs Office at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing provides this report for information purposes only. Readers should be aware that China Customs data in this report will not match other countries' export statistics due to the timing of exports (e.g., trade recorded in an exporting country in one month may not show up in China's data until the following month). Furthermore, values from one country to another will vary due to disparity in recording methods (e.g., FOB vs. CIF/landed price). Also, inconsistencies may exist as a result of Hong Kong or Macau re-export trade to or from China. Finally, some inconsistencies may result from different classification of goods (e.g., hard wheat from one country may be classified as durum by China).

"HTS" refers to Harmonized Tariff System. At the two, four, and six-digit level, tariff line items/descriptions for all countries are harmonized; more precise categories may differ between countries. Commodity descriptions are increasingly precise as the number of digits increase.

Additionally, it is useful to recognize that trade data for many of these commodities are more accurately depicted on a marketing year basis, as reported in individual commodity reports.

Agricultural commodities refer to those commodities identified in Annex I of the Uruguay round of agricultural negotiations. Fishery commodities refer to commodities recognized in HTS Chapters 03.02 through 03.07, 16.04, and 16.05. Forestry commodities refer to HTS codes referred to in U.S. Trade Reports for Forest Products excluding pulp and paper.

Highlights

China Customs Reported Trade in the First Five Months of 2005		
	Jan-May 2005	Jan-May 2005
	All Commodities	Ag, Fish, and Forestry
Imports from the World:	\$246.3 billion	\$13.8 billion
Imports from the U.S.:	\$19.4 billion	\$3.5 billion
Exports to the World:	\$276.5 billion	\$12.7 billion
Exports to the U.S.:	\$58.3 billion	\$1.7 billion
Source: China Customs		

The United States holds its position as China's largest supplier of agricultural, fishery, and forestry products. Soybeans (\$2.1 billion) remain the highest value import in all commodity categories. Among other commodities, cotton (\$378 million) follows at a distant second, which, from this time last year, is down 71 percent. However, compared to two years ago, remains strong (last year's spike in U.S. cotton imports is linked to China's abnormal shortfall). Other commodity imports from the U.S. are also increasing by import value. These include certain hides and skins (\$215 million), certain sawn and sliced wood (\$73 million), and frozen plaice (\$47 million).

China's \$3.5 billion in agricultural, fishery, and forestry imports from the U.S. surpasses total imports from over 200 individual countries/customs territories including: Australia, New Zealand, Malaysia, Canada, United Kingdom, and Chile.

FAS China forecasts China's import value and volume of U.S. commodities will continue growing and the market remains a high priority for exporters of U.S. agricultural, fishery, and forestry commodities.

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by Origin

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Country (\$Millions) through May							
Rank	Country	Jan-May	Jan-May	Jan-May	% Share		
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	World	9,645	14,388	13,809	100	100	100
1	United States	2,801	4,604	3,479	29	32	25
2	Russia	798	897	1,229	8	6	9
3	Australia	616	905	975	6	6	7
4	Malaysia	742	960	947	8	7	7
5	Thailand	626	816	806	6	6	6
6	Brazil	501	803	803	5	6	6
7	Canada	216	564	641	2	4	5
8	Indonesia	437	609	612	5	4	4
9	Argentina	207	620	492	2	4	4
10	New Zealand	294	394	361	3	3	3
11	France	203	138	298	2	1	2
12	Peru	71	120	235	1	1	2
13	Chile	79	101	158	1	1	1
14	Japan	135	135	157	1	1	1
15	India	68	190	156	1	1	1
16	Uzbekistan	76	219	153	1	2	1
17	Vietnam	112	129	141	1	1	1
18	Myanmar	71	88	134	1	1	1
19	Zimbabwe	160	119	124	2	1	1
20	Korea, South	67	92	116	1	1	1
21	Germany	130	104	113	1	1	1
22	Papua New Guinea	63	67	112	1	0	1
23	Denmark	74	85	99	1	1	1
24	United Kingdom	41	59	97	0	0	1
25	Netherlands	52	77	90	1	1	1

Source of Data: China Customs, January to May

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Port Territory

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports by Port Territory (\$Million) through May								
Rank	District	Jan-May	Jan-May	Jan-May	% Share			% Change
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	All Districts	9,645	14,388	13,809	100	100	100	-4
1	Qingdao	1,921	2,806	2,638	20	20	19	-6
2	Nanjing	1,309	2,040	1,998	14	14	14	-2
3	Shanghai	1,315	2,170	1,960	14	15	14	-10
4	Tianjin	642	1,383	932	7	10	7	-33
5	Huangpu	430	878	895	4	6	6	2
6	Dalian	491	631	805	5	4	6	27
7	Shenzhen	921	1,052	767	10	7	6	-27
8	Guangzhou	510	441	440	5	3	3	0
9	Xiamen	190	354	403	2	2	3	14
10	Ningbo	269	395	335	3	3	2	-15
11	Manzhouli	179	223	303	2	2	2	36
12	Harbin	180	218	288	2	2	2	32
13	Nanning	203	284	283	2	2	2	0
14	Hangzhou	142	216	266	1	2	2	23
15	Shijiazhuang	155	111	236	2	1	2	113
16	Fuzhou	94	160	182	1	1	1	14
17	Zhanjiang	109	236	167	1	2	1	-29
18	Jiangmen	50	55	146	1	0	1	162
19	Kunming	71	83	136	1	1	1	64
20	Gongbei	106	145	117	1	1	1	-19
21	Hohhot	71	84	103	1	1	1	23
22	Beijing	63	78	72	1	1	1	-7
23	Zhengzhou	35	42	62	0	0	0	48
24	Urumqi	35	79	51	0	1	0	-36
25	Chongqing	2	17	43	0	0	0	160

Source of Data: China Customs, January to May

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the World (\$Millions) through May					
HS	Description	Jan-May	Jan-May	Jan-May	% Change
		2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	China's Imports of Worldwide Ag, Fish, and Forestry	9,645	14,388	13,809	-4
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	7,071	11,614	10,371	-11
	All Aquatic (edible)	714	807	1,148	42
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	1,859	1,967	2,290	16
120100	Soybeans	1,920	2,747	2,744	0
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	464	2,119	722	-66
151190	Palm Oil, refined, not chemically modified	486	696	601	-14
440320	Wood, coniferous, in the rough, not treated	397	440	562	28
030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	290	328	448	37
440399	Wood, nonconiferous, in the rough, not treated	334	316	427	35
510111	Wool, not carded or combed, greasy and shorn	290	352	418	19
400122	Rubber, technically specified natural (TSNR)	183	295	399	35
230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	141	196	349	78
150710	Soybean Oil, crude, not chemically modified	195	705	344	-51
410150	Hides and Skins, whole, bovine or equine, >16kg	189	311	331	6
100190	Wheat (anything other than Durum) and Meslin	0	120	302	151
240120	Tobacco, partly or wholly stemmed/stripped	203	141	239	70
440349	Wood, other tropical, in the rough, not treated	220	259	239	-8
440799	Wood, nonconiferous, sawn, sliced, >6m	231	258	236	-8
100110	Wheat, Durum (not only Durum, but any hard wheat)	28	208	236	13
100300	Barley	203	148	210	42
071410	Cassava (Manioc), fresh or dried, w/nt pellet	96	150	185	23
400121	Rubber, natural, in smoked sheets	222	216	155	-28
440729	Wood, other tropical, sawn/chipped lengthwise	109	113	145	28
440710	Wood, coniferous, sawn/sliced >6mm	82	107	133	25
030379	Fish, frozen, with bones, nesoi	84	75	123	64
410210	Hides and Skins, sheep, wool-on, fresh, not tanned	52	69	98	41
020714	Chicken, frozen, cuts and edible offal incl.livers	140	90	92	3
530121	Flax, broken or scutched	70	80	89	10

Source of Data: China Customs, January to May

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports from the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Imports at HTS 6 Digits from the U.S. (\$Million) through May					
HS	Description	Jan-May	Jan-May	Jan-May	% Change
		2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	China's Imports of U.S. Ag, Fish, and Forestry	2,801	4,604	3,479	-24
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	2,632	4,354	3,162	-27
	All Aquatic (edible)	49	103	148	44
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	121	146	169	16
120100	Soybeans	1,533	2,257	2,118	-6
520100	Cotton, not carded or combed	318	1,301	378	-71
410150	Hides and Skins, whole, bovine or equine, >16kg	135	205	215	5
440799	Wood, nonconiferous, sawn, sliced, >6m	66	71	73	3
030332	Plaice, frozen, excluding fillets	15	24	47	94
020714	Chicken, frozen, cuts and edible offal incl.livers	139	55	38	-31
030360	Cod, frozen, excluding fillets	11	33	34	4
100190	Wheat (anything other than Durum) and Meslin	0	39	34	-12
210690	Food Preparations, nesoi	47	63	31	-51
440399	Wood, nonconiferous, in the rough, not treated	15	21	30	40
030380	Fish, livers and roes, frozen	4	14	28	93
020649	Swine, frozen, edible offal, except livers	28	32	25	-22
230120	Fish or Crustacean, meal and pellets, inedible	20	25	24	-5
040410	Whey and Mod. Whey, whether concent. w/add. sweetener	10	12	21	76
440791	Wood, Oak, sawn, sliced >6mm	7	12	17	47
230990	Animal Feed, excluding dog or cat, retail packages	17	17	17	0
050400	Animal guts, bladders, stomachs and parts	34	14	16	12
030749	Cuttlefish and Squid, frozen, dried, salted or brined	2	8	14	75
410330	Hides and Skins, swine, not pretanned or salted	1	2	12	434
200410	Potatoes, frozen, prepared, etc.	13	15	12	-19
330210	Food and drink, mixtures, odiferous substances	4	4	11	168
440391	Wood, Oak, in the rough, not treated	4	8	11	32
440890	Wood, Veneer Sheets, nonconiferous, <6mm, nesoi	9	10	10	1
100110	Wheat, Durum (not only Durum, but any hard wheat)	6	54	10	-82
080810	Apples, fresh	5	9	10	11

Source of Data: China Customs, January to May

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by Destination

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports by Country (\$Million) through May								
		Jan-May	Jan-May	Jan-May	% Share			% Change
Rank	Country	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	World	9,017	10,357	12,692	100	100	100	23
1	Japan	2,718	3,151	3,602	30.14	30.43	28.38	14
2	United States	1,026	1,388	1,731	11.38	13.4	13.64	25
3	Korea, South	869	852	1,182	9.63	8.23	9.31	39
4	Hong Kong	907	1,079	1,107	10.06	10.42	8.72	3
5	Germany	282	320	450	3.13	3.09	3.54	41
6	Russia	238	241	321	2.64	2.33	2.53	33
7	Netherlands	171	203	261	1.9	1.96	2.06	29
8	United Kingdom	154	189	250	1.71	1.82	1.97	32
9	Malaysia	228	205	244	2.53	1.98	1.92	19
10	Canada	108	168	215	1.19	1.62	1.69	28
11	Taiwan	157	178	201	1.75	1.72	1.58	13
12	Spain	66	98	180	0.74	0.95	1.42	83
13	Indonesia	194	157	166	2.15	1.52	1.31	5
14	Italy	99	107	156	1.1	1.03	1.23	46
15	Belgium	67	70	136	0.74	0.67	1.08	96
16	Singapore	118	120	134	1.3	1.16	1.06	12
17	Australia	71	106	120	0.79	1.02	0.94	13
18	Korea, North	59	85	119	0.66	0.82	0.94	40
19	Philippines	91	112	118	1.01	1.08	0.93	6
20	Thailand	82	105	116	0.91	1.01	0.92	11
21	Vietnam	103	77	116	1.14	0.74	0.92	51
22	United Arab Emirates	40	74	114	0.44	0.71	0.9	54
23	France	74	82	112	0.82	0.79	0.88	37
24	India	77	87	97	0.86	0.84	0.76	12
25	Poland	65	82	69	0.72	0.79	0.55	-15

Source of Data: China Customs, January to May

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by Port Territory

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exporting Port Territories (\$Million) through May								
Rank	District	Jan-May	Jan-May	Jan-May	% Share			% Change
		2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	All Districts	9,017	10,357	12,692	100	100	100	23
1	Qingdao	2,012	2,378	3,056	22.31	22.96	24.08	29
2	Dalian	1,421	1,382	1,817	15.76	13.34	14.32	31
3	Shanghai	1,033	1,330	1,623	11.46	12.84	12.79	22
4	Shenzhen	828	971	1,062	9.18	9.37	8.37	9
5	Tianjin	730	809	958	8.09	7.81	7.55	18
6	Ningbo	456	568	694	5.06	5.48	5.47	22
7	Xiamen	418	560	677	4.63	5.4	5.33	21
8	Nanjing	392	401	509	4.35	3.87	4.01	27
9	Fuzhou	273	330	371	3.03	3.19	2.92	12
10	Huangpu	239	275	334	2.65	2.66	2.63	21
11	Guangzhou	187	236	266	2.07	2.28	2.1	13
12	Shantou	99	127	124	1.1	1.23	0.98	-2
13	Gongbei	85	106	119	0.94	1.02	0.94	13
14	Zhanjiang	58	82	95	0.64	0.8	0.75	16
15	Nanning	79	77	93	0.88	0.74	0.73	21
16	Harbin	103	89	90	1.14	0.86	0.71	1
17	Changchun	46	30	77	0.51	0.29	0.61	153
18	Jiangmen	56	65	71	0.62	0.63	0.56	9
19	Chongqing	40	61	71	0.44	0.59	0.56	16
20	Shijiazhuang	60	54	70	0.67	0.52	0.55	30
21	Shenyang	58	41	67	0.64	0.39	0.53	65
22	Haikou	37	62	58	0.42	0.6	0.46	-7
23	Wuhan	53	67	55	0.59	0.65	0.44	-17
24	Nanchang	18	39	46	0.2	0.38	0.36	19
25	Kunming	32	39	46	0.36	0.38	0.36	16

Source of Data: China Customs, January to May

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the World by HTS 6 Digits (\$Million) through May						
HS	Description	Jan-May	Jan-May	Jan-May	% Change	- 05/04 -
		2003	2004	2005		
	China's Exports to the World of Ag, Fish, and Forestry	9,017	10,357	12,692		23
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	5,957	6,404	7,667		20
	All Aquatic (edible)	1,731	2,152	2,633		22
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	1,329	1,801	2,392		33
030420	Fish, frozen fillets	415	527	654		24
160419	Fish, prepared or preserved, whole or in pieces	339	442	480		9
100590	Corn (Maize), other than seed	509	193	384		99
442190	Wood, articles, nesoi	272	324	376		16
441219	Wood, plywood, both outer layers coniferous, <6mm both sides	88	180	310		73
160590	Molluscs, prepared or preserved	134	178	251		41
050400	Animal (not fish) guts, bladders, stomachs, parts	149	216	218		1
160232	Chicken meat or offal, prepared or preserved, nesoi	175	98	216		119
441229	Wood, plywood, 1 outer layer hardwood, nesoi	40	100	214		114
200979	Apple Juice, nesoi, not fortified, unfermented	120	171	213		25
030379	Fish, frozen, with bones, nesoi	142	160	213		33
200590	Vegetables and mix., nesoi, prepared or preserved, not frozen	122	163	206		26
440920	Wood, nonconiferous, tongued, grooved, or molded	59	59	176		197
020329	Swine meat, frozen, nesoi	74	129	172		34
160520	Shrimp and Prawns, prepared or preserved	71	121	170		41
070320	Garlic, fresh or chilled	121	143	159		12
071290	Vegetables and mixtures, nesoi, dried	129	132	151		14
120220	Peanuts, raw, shelled, broken or not	144	127	148		17
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	82	143	141		-1
200310	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved, excluding vinegar	135	161	135		-16
441900	Wood, Tableware and Kitchenware	110	110	128		16
080810	Apples, fresh	74	109	125		15
200290	Tomato Paste	60	78	123		57
210690	Food Preparations NESOI	107	118	123		4
200811	Peanuts, prepared or preserved, nesoi	96	106	122		15

Source of Data: China Customs, January to May

China's Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits

Top 25 Ag, Fish, and Forestry Exports to the U.S. by HTS 6 Digits (\$Million) through May		Jan-May	Jan-May	Jan-May	% Change
HS	Description	2003	2004	2005	- 05/04 -
	China's Exports to the U.S. of Ag, Fish, and Forestry	1,026	1,388	1,731	25
	All Agricultural Products (BICO)	416	586	666	14
	All Aquatic (edible)	283	322	384	19
	All Forest Products (excluding pulp and paper)	327	481	681	42
030420	Fish, frozen fillets	116	148	204	38
442190	Wood, articles, nesoi	88	104	118	13
441219	Wood, plywood, both outer layers coniferous, <6mm both sides	16	55	93	69
441229	Wood, plywood, 1 outer layer hardwood, nesoi	16	38	90	135
200979	Apple Juice, nesoi, not fortified, unfermented	43	88	89	1
050510	Down, for stuffing, cleaned/disinfected/treated	33	67	63	-7
440920	Wood, nonconiferous, tongued, grooved, or molded	14	12	53	334
442010	Wood, statuettes and other ornaments	45	49	48	-1
441400	Wooden, frames, paintings, mirrors, etc.	39	43	47	9
441820	Wooden, doors and doorframes and thresholds	9	23	44	90
200830	Citrus fruit (incl. Mixtures), prepared, etc. nesoi	37	36	38	6
050400	Animal (not fish) guts, bladders, stomachs, parts	26	35	35	1
441213	Wood, plywood at least one outer layer tropical	5	25	31	24
160590	Molluscs, prepared or preserved	12	11	27	144
071290	Vegetables and mixtures, nesoi, dried	26	22	25	13
441119	Wood, fiberboard and lign. material density >.8g/cm3, nesoi	1	2	24	991
200310	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved excluding by vinegar	10	27	24	-10
160520	Shrimp and Prawns, prepared or preserved	46	23	23	-1
160510	Crab, prepared or preserved	9	16	22	36
160419	Fish, prepared or preserved, whole or in pieces	12	14	20	50
180400	Cocoa Butter, Fat and Oil	3	8	19	133
441900	Wood, tableware and kitchenware	13	15	18	19
441890	Wood, builders joinery and carpentry, nesoi	6	9	18	87
200590	Vegetables and mix., nesoi, prepared or preserved, not frozen	10	17	17	4
441214	Wood, plywood, at least one outer layer nonconiferous	0	1	17	1,085

Source of Data: China Customs, January to May